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Reply to Attn of: CHB

TO: ALL POTENTIAL OFFERORS

FROM: CHB/Contracting Officer, Research and Space Operations Branch

SUBJECT: Final Solicitation NNC09ZR0001R for the Research and Technology for
Aerospace Propulsion Systems (RTAPS)

The final Request for Proposal (RFP) for the subject procurement is released today. All Offeror's questions and comments on the draft documents released on June 15, 2009 have been carefully considered and addressed in the final solicitation documents.

To highlight important aspects of this procurement, and to point out significant changes relative to the draft documents, the following summary is provided:

1. Extensive additional information is provided via the dedicated Research and Technology for Aerospace Propulsion Systems (RTAPS) website
<http://rtaps.grc.nasa.gov/>
2. To aid in comparison to the draft request for proposal (RFP), one separate document showing all changes relative to the draft RFP are posted. This document is the "Changes to RFP Sections B-I, J, K, L-M"
3. All of the RFP attachments are numbered with the "J" prefix if they will become part of the contract or with an "L" prefix if they are provided only to assist in proposal preparation.
4. Proposal due dates have been extended. See provision L.17.

Upon this release of the solicitation, a communications "blackout" is imposed on all government personnel. Accordingly, all future communications, with the notable exception of communication with the ombudsman named in clause I. 132, must be directed to the undersigned, Michael Kinkelaar, at 216-433-2736. Your adherence to the provisions and deadline of clause L.21, regarding the submittal of technical questions, will be appreciated. The date for all questions is August 6, 2009, 12 PM (Eastern Standard Time).

The government has endeavored to conduct this procurement with as open and equitable a process as possible. We will continue to do so throughout the process.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Kinkelaar".

Michael Kinkelaar
Contracting Officer